

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime)	CC Docket No. 01-92
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ORDER

Adopted: November 20, 2006

Released: November 20, 2006

Revised Filing Date:

Reply Comments Due: January 11, 2007

By the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. On July 24, 2006, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC's) Task Force on Intercarrier Competition filed an intercarrier compensation reform plan (the "Missoula Plan").¹ On July 25, 2006, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) released a Public Notice requesting that comments on the Missoula Plan be filed by September 25, 2006, and reply comments by November 9, 2006.² On August 29, 2006, WCB released an order granting extensions of the comment and reply comment dates to October 25, 2006 and December 11, 2006, respectively.³ On November 17, 2006, NARUC filed a motion requesting an extension of the reply comment date to January 11, 2007.⁴ NARUC states that given the number, length, and variety of initial comments, the extension would serve the public interest by ensuring state commissions' continued full participation.⁵

2. We agree that providing additional time to file reply comments will facilitate the development of a more substantive and complete record in this proceeding. We note that it is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time shall not be routinely granted.⁶ Given the extensive nature of the Missoula Plan, the complexity of the proposals contained therein, and the multitude of comments filed in this proceeding, however, we find that good cause exists to provide parties an extension of time, from

¹ Letter from Tony Clark, Commissioner and Chair, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications; Ray Baum, Commissioner and Chair, NARUC Task Force on Intercarrier Compensation; and Larry Landis, Commissioner and Vice-Chair, NARUC Task Force on Intercarrier Compensation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 01-92 (filed July 24, 2006) (attaching the Missoula Plan).

² *Comment Sought on Missoula Intercarrier Compensation Reform Plan*, Public Notice, CC Docket No. 01-92, DA 06-1510 (WCB, July 25, 2006) (Missoula Plan Public Notice). See 71 Fed. Reg. 45510.

³ *Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, Order, CC Docket No. 01-92, DA 06-1730 (WCB, Aug. 29, 2006) (Missoula Plan Comment Extension Order). See 71 Fed. Reg. 54008.

⁴ Motion of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for Extension of Time, CC Docket No. 01-92 (filed November 17, 2006) (NARUC Motion).

⁵ NARUC Motion at 3.

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

December 11, 2006 to January 11, 2007 for filing reply comments in this proceeding. In particular, we appreciate the importance of the issues raised in the Missoula Plan to NARUC and its member state commissions, and we agree that the additional time we grant here will help ensure their continued full participation.⁷

3. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 4(i), 4(j), and 5(c) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 154(j), 155(c), and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, the pleading cycle established in this matter shall be modified as follows:

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All other filing procedures remain unchanged from those previously established in this proceeding.⁸

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Motion of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners for Extension of Time is GRANTED, as set forth herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁷ NARUC Motion at 3.

⁸ See Missoula Plan Public Notice at 1-2; Missoula Plan Comment Extension Order at 2.